

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CRACK COCAINE

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for aiding and abetting others to distribute crack cocaine.

**Harold Hughes**, 30, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to 11 years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 2, 2005, **Hughes** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting others to sell crack cocaine. **Hughes** admitted that he acted as a look-out and assisted co-defendant **Jason Clark**, 27, of Kansas City, in selling crack cocaine. **Clark** was sentenced on April 27, 2006, to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole after pleading guilty to distributing crack cocaine.

An undercover law enforcement officer purchased 6.53 grams of crack cocaine from **Clark** on Jan. 18, 2005, for \$160. **Hughes** locked and unlocked the door to escort the undercover officer in and out of the residence, Schlozman said, and acted as a look-out during the purchase by peering through the front windows and looking up and down the street. **Hughes** and **Clark** were arrested a few minutes later.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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